

## House Resolution 2213

By: Representatives Mangham of the 94<sup>th</sup>, Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>, Stephenson of the 92<sup>nd</sup>, and Martin of the 47<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Remembering and honoring the life of Mr. Edd Bates III; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Edd Bates III was born to the union of Edd Bates, Jr., and Mary Shaw in  
3 Chicago, Illinois; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was raised in a Christian home where he confessed hope in Christ at an early  
5 age; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Dwight D. Eisenhower High School in Blue Island,  
7 Illinois, where he met his high school sweetheart, Rita D. Bunn, whom he married on  
8 November 16, 1968; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he became a loving father to two "Daddy's girls," Nina and Navette; and
- 10 WHEREAS, after bravely fighting for our country in the Vietnam War as a soldier in the  
11 United States Army, he returned to Robbins, Illinois and began working at Nabisco; and
- 12 WHEREAS, deciding he wanted more out of life, he started school at Moraine Valley  
13 Community College in Palos Hills, Illinois, where he received an associate's degree; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was awarded the Upper Division Scholarship Award and attended Purdue  
15 University, graduating at the top of his class with a Bachelor of Science degree in  
16 engineering; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he then went to work at Sauk Career Center as an electronics teacher before  
18 obtaining employment at a division of Hewlett-Packard now known as Agilent and Phillips  
19 Medical Division, where he worked for 28 years; and

1 WHEREAS, upon rededicating his life to Jesus Christ as a member of True Vine Missionary  
2 Baptist Church, he was ordained to the office of deacon by Reverend Dr. Steven Lewis; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1995, he moved his family to Georgia to continue his career with  
4 Hewlett-Packard in Atlanta as a bio-medical engineer instructor; and

5 WHEREAS, he purchased a home in Alpharetta and united with Hopewell Missionary  
6 Baptist Church in Norcross, Georgia, where he served as a deacon under Dr. William L.  
7 Sheals and he and his wife graduated from the Hopewell Bible Institute with Certificates in  
8 Biblical Studies in 2005; and

9 WHEREAS, the Lord then directed him to join The Lord's House Community Church in  
10 Alpharetta under the pastoral leadership of Joseph W. Jackson, where he served as a faithful  
11 deacon and trustee until his untimely passing; and

12 WHEREAS, this outstanding citizen leaves cherished memories to his devoted wife, a legacy  
13 to his two daughters, and fond memories with loving relatives, friends, and his brothers and  
14 sisters in Christ.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
16 the members of this body join together to honor and remember the life of Mr. Edd Bates III,  
17 express their deepest regret at his passing, and extend their most sincere condolences to his  
18 family and friends.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
20 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Edd Bates  
21 III.